

Appl. No. 10/052,299
Amdt. Dated
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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-9 are allowed. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The application has been amended. Claim 10 has been cancelled. None of the amendments constitute new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. §132. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

First, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 1-9.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being an improper definition of a process. Applicants have withdrawn claim 10 from consideration in the instant case.

In view of the deletion of claim 10, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicants' undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,


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